---FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE---Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Theatre DeVille with US Air Force Band of the Golden West "The Blue Yonders"

Theatre DeVille in Downtown Vacaville will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a special FREE concert featuring "The Blue Yonders" from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West at 8 p.m. on March 17. Featuring performances by the Vacaville Irish Dancers, this concert is open for all ages and is free and open to the public. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Not your typical military ensemble, the kilt-wearing Blue Yonders charm audiences with a mix of Irish, bluegrass, pop and Americana tunes that will keep audiences guessing and grinning throughout the show. The seven-member ensemble features a variety of instruments: Irish flute, penny whistle, accordion, bodhran, djembe, mandolin, guitar, bass guitar, and of course, plenty of vocals.

The Blue Yonders are one of the component groups of the larger Air Force Band of the Golden West from Travis Air Force Base, which is a part of Air Mobility Command. When performing community concerts, the band represents the excellence of Mobility Airmen who deliver hope, fuel the fight, and save lives on a daily basis. These Airmen can get personnel and equipment, including humanitarian relief supplies, to any location in the world within 24 hours.

The only active duty Air Force band west of the Rockies, the Band of the Golden West is comprised of 68 talented and versatile Airmen-musicians under the command of Captain Dustin Doyle. In addition to performing for civilian communities throughout the states of California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, and Utah, the band supports 13 Air Force Bases, eight Air Force Reserve Wings, and six recruiting squadrons in over 250 annual performances for 1.5 million listeners.

The organization offers eight outstanding performing groups: Concert Band, Ceremonial Marching Band, The Commanders jazz ensemble, Mobility rock band, The Blue Yonders folk rock band, Travis Brass quintet, Golden West Winds woodwind quintet and Wild West Winds clarinet quartet.

For more information on the USAF Band of the Golden West and their upcoming performances, go to the band's website or social media pages: <u>www.bandofthegoldenwest.af.mil</u> <u>www.facebook.com/bandofthegoldenwest</u> <u>https://twitter.com/BandGoldenWest</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/USAFGoldenWestBand</u>